

MEETING OF THE VERMONT BOTANICAL CLUB. — The tenth annual winter meeting of the Vermont Botanical Club was held at Burlington, January 18–19, 1905. President Ezra Brainerd of Middlebury College presided and the following papers were read: — A Report of the Last Field Meeting, Mrs. Mary A. Munson; The Fossil Fruits of the Brandon Lignite, Prof. G. H. Perkins; Notes on the Fruiting Season of the Moss, *Catherinia*, Miss Phebe M. Towle; Nitrogen-fixation by Leguminous Plants, L. P. Sprague; The Story of a Maple Tree, J. A. Chapin; Another Giant Puff-ball from Middlebury, Mrs. Sarah K. Lord; Hunting Pines in Mexico, C. G. Pringle; The Aquarium in the School and the Home, H. F. Perkins; Reminiscences of Europe, Prof. L. R. Jones; Prof. Henry G. Jesup, the Botanist and the Man, Dr. C. H. Richardson; On a *Botrychium* new to Massachusetts, Mrs. E. B. Davenport; The Conception of Species as indicated by the Study of the Genus *Viola*, President Ezra Brainerd; Breeding Plants for Disease Resistance, W. A. Orton; Experiments in Plant Breeding, Prof. William Stuart; Studies of the Potato Fungus, W. M. Gambell; An Experience with one of the Fungi producing Dry-rot in Timber, Mrs. Nellie F. Flynn; Agriculture for Normal Students, Miss Ruth B. Fisher; Pursh's Journal, W. W. Eggleston; Blackberries and Raspberries, W. H. Blanchard; Ferns of Dorset, Allan Bourn; Additional Species of Vermont Mosses, A. J. Grout; Notes on Some Plants from Martinicus Island, Me., J. A. Bates.

On the evening of the 18th supper was served in the gymnasium of the University of Vermont, complimentary to the non-resident members of the club. This social gathering, which was one of the most pleasing features of the meeting, was followed by the annual roll-call and business meeting. Each member, according to the custom of the club, presented some item of botanical interest in responding to his name. The old officers were re-elected. The treasurer's office was made independent of that of the secretary and Mrs. Nellie F. Flynn was elected to fill the former position. Prof. J. W. Votey, Mrs. Sarah K. Lord, and Mr. Carleton D. Howe were appointed to serve with the officers as members of the new Executive Committee. The officers were instructed to petition the Post Office Department to re-establish the office at Willoughby Lake. The post office at this well known station of botanical interest, after sixteen years' existence, was discontinued about a year ago. For the summer meeting of the Club a boat will probably be chartered for a cruise among the islands and along the shores of Lake Champlain. — W. J. MORSE, Burlington, Vermont.